

# NEVADA



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## Agricultural Council of Nevada



# Nevada Agriculture

Nevada is the seventh largest state in the Nation and, despite its reputation for desert terrain, is one of the most mountainous. Vast rangelands provide year-round grazing for livestock and wildlife. The mountains yield excellent summer forage. Raising beef cattle is the most common agricultural enterprise in Nevada and several large bands of sheep also reside here. The predominately arid climate limits widespread farming activities, but the state has several lush, productive valleys along surface waterways. Traveling across Nevada, one might not see much in the way of agriculture, but off the beaten paths there is a lot going on. The agricultural community in Nevada is adopting new technologies, expanding markets, and producing more diverse products.



**Hay is the number one cash crop in Nevada with over 500,000 acres harvested annually.**

<i>County</i>	<i>Top Three Commodities*</i>
Carson City	Beef, Greenhouse/Nursery, Equine
Churchill	Dairy, Hay, Beef
Clark	Dairy, Greenhouse/Nursery, Beef
Douglas	Beef, Dairy, Hay
Elko	Cattle, Hay, Beef
Esmeralda	Hay, Beef, Animal Specialties
Eureka	Beef, Hay, Sheep
Humboldt	Hay, Beef, Potatoes
Lander	Beef, Hay, Sheep
Lincoln	Hay, Beef, Greenhouse/Nursery
Lyon	Beef, Hay, Vegetable
Mineral	Beef, Hay, Apiculture
Nye	Dairy, Greenhouse/Nursery, Beef
Pershing	Beef, Hay, Sheep
Storey	Vegetables, Equine, Beef
Washoe	Vegetables, Beef, Hay
White Pine	Beef, Hay, Sheep

\*Based on value of production



**Nevada dairies produce over 55 million gallons of wholesome fresh milk annually.**



While cattle and hay have been the traditional mainstays of Nevada agriculture, and continue to provide the basis for most of the farms and ranches in the state, other commodities are gaining in importance. Specific "niche" markets, organic interests, and the economic need to diversify are resulting in a more diverse product mix in Nevada agriculture. Alfalfa seed, potatoes, garlic, onions, mint, and other crops are comprising a greater proportion of total agricultural income.

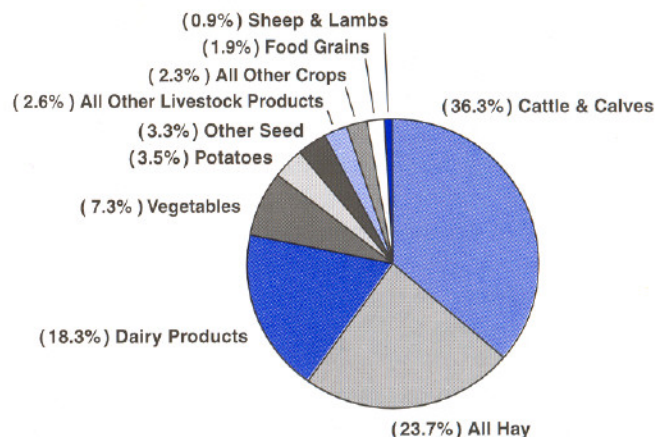


High quality onions are grown in northern Nevada for the fresh market and for dehydration.



Grain production remains a significant component of Nevada agriculture.

## 1997 Cash receipts from Farm Marketing of Commodities



### 1997 Nevada Agricultural Cash Receipts

Item	\$Thousands
Cattle & Calves	112,287
Dairy Products	56,520
Sheep & Lambs	2,894
All other Livestock	8,039
<b>Total Livestock</b>	<b>179,740</b>
All Hay	73,441
Other Seed	10,071
Potatoes	10,789
Food Grains	5,801
Vegetables	22,721
All Other Crops	7,061
<b>Total Crops</b>	<b>129,884</b>
<b>Total All Commodities</b>	<b>309,624</b>

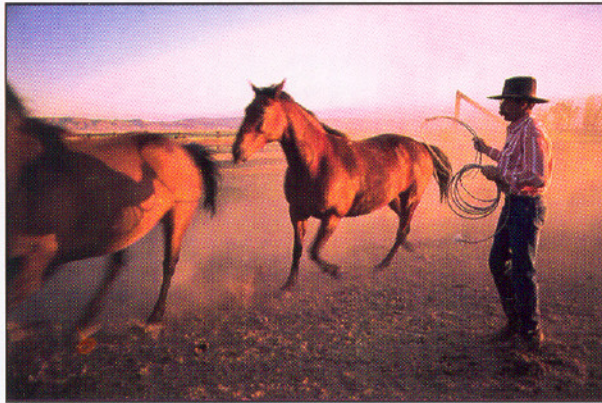




Horticultural enterprises, including sod farms, nurseries, and greenhouses, provide high quality plants to the homeowner.



Organic production and farmers markets are expanding to meet increased demand.



Horses, mules, and burros contribute greatly to Nevada culture and economy.

*Photo courtesy of Range Magazine.*



A progressive pork operation near Las Vegas uses casino food waste for feed.



Alternative livestock, including llama and emu, are becoming more common.



The Agricultural Council of Nevada is composed of public and private individuals with the common objective of enhancing and protecting Nevada's agricultural industries.



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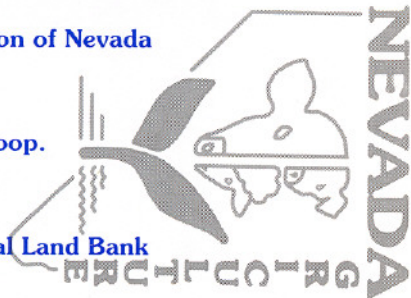
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